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MEMORANDUM FOR US ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

SUBJECT: Passage of U.S. National Licensing Examination Part II for Entry on to Active Duty for First Year Graduate Medical Education (FYGME) Selectees

1. This policy prescribes undergraduate licensure examination requirements for entry on active duty into military first year graduate medical education (FYGME) programs. This policy is effective immediately; exceptions are not authorized.
2. All selectees for FYGME must pass the applicable USMLE Part II CK and CS or COMLEX Part II CK and PE before they can begin training on active duty in military programs. Individuals who attend schools that allow graduation without passing the aforementioned examinations will be given up to 90 days after the graduation date to provide documentation substantiating passage of the examination. Individuals who attend schools that require passage of such exams in order to graduate will be placed on Leave of Absence status for up to 90 days from their originally scheduled graduation date if a Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) participant. In all cases, failure to provide documentation of passage within the time prescribed results in ineligibility for accession into the Medical Corps and call to active duty in another military capacity, or separation from military service with recoupment under the terms of the service agreement, as appropriate.
3. Those individuals currently in FYGME who do not pass the above described exams are placed on an immediate leave of absence for up to 90 days to rectify the situation. If the issue is not rectified at the end of this 90-day period, appropriate due process procedures will be initiated to consider such individuals for termination from FYGME. If terminated, such individuals are subject to involuntary reassignment to a Corps other than Medical Corps, or separation from military service with recoupment under the terms of the service agreement, as appropriate.
4. POC for this issue is COL John Powers, Director, Medical Education, who may be reached at 703-681-8256, or by email at john.powers@us.army.mil.


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